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PATENT APPLICATION

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<i>Docket:</i>	20253-60398	}
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<i>Applicant:</i>	CAVANAGH, Michael Shane	}
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FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 12-97)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 20253-60398	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 09/101864	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU97/00259		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 29 April 1997 (29.04.97)		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 30 April 1996	
TITLE OF INVENTION CONTAINER FOR SHARP INSTRUMENTS					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US CAVANAGH, Michael Shane					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).					
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.					
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).					
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.					
8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).					
10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:					
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.					
14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.					
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.					
16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 1. Copy of PCT Published Application No. WO 97/40753 with PCT International Preliminary Examination Report 2. Copy of PCT International Preliminary Examination Report with Annexes Attached 3. Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and (1.27(b))--Independent Inventor					

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Patent Application

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	10	20 *	0	Rate x \$9		Rate x \$18	
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	5 **	0	Rate x \$39		Rate x \$78	
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is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
The required fee for filing this extension is:

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 X A check in the amount of \$ 55.00
to cover the total fee for this amendment is attached.

 Statement(s) of Status as Small Entity Under
37 C.F.R. 1.27 has (have) been filed.

 Statement(s) of Status as Small Entity Under
37 C.F.R. 1.27 is (are) being submitted herewith.

 X Response to Official Action

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may be required, or credit of any overpayment, to Account No. 10-0435. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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